Docket No. TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF R2180.0159/P159 In re Application of: Kazunari Kimino Application No. Filing Date Examiner Group Art Unit 10/609,634-Conf. #4954 G. R. Koch July 1, 2003 1734 Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is the Appeal Brief in this application, with respect to the Notice of Appeal filed: June 25, 2007 The fee for filing this Appeal Brief is ______ . x Large Entity Small Entity A petition for extension of time is also enclosed. The fee for the extension of time is _____ . A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed. Charge the amount of the fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1073 This sheet is submitted in duplicate. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1073 This sheet is submitted in duplicate. Dated: November 16. 2007 Thomas J. NAmico Attorney Reg. No.: 28,371 **DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO LLP** 1825 Eye Street, NW Washington, DC 20006-5403 (202) 420-2232

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DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

MS Appeal Brief - Patents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed November 6, 2007, Appellants hereby submit the attached amended Appeal Brief. The amended Appeal Brief maps the dependent claims to the specification as filed in more detail, as requested in the Notification. Although 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(vii) and M.P.E.P. § 1205.02 require only that the <u>independent</u> claims be described, Appellant is providing the additional information in the interest of furthering prosecution. It should be noted that the mapping of the claims to the example embodiments in the specification for purposes of this appeal does not in any manner restrict the claimed

invention to the specifically disclosed embodiments. It is also noted that the specific dependent claim arguments have been noted under subheadings, as they were rejected in the Final Rejection for the same grounds as the independent claims from which they depend.

Appellants submit that the attached amended Appeal Brief is in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37(c).

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